

The Consumer & Family Advocacy Council

**Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2007**

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Advocacy Council
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Present: CFAC Members (See Sign-in Roster)

Staff: Phil Hedden, Consumer and Family Advocate, Corinne McManus, Director Public Affairs, Aimee Jo Robson, Public Information Officer, Alisha Evans, Public Affairs Assistant

Guests: None

May 2007 meeting minutes—Laura T. Minutes were approved. Laura welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Corinne introduced her 2 new staff people in the Public Affairs Department, Aimee Jo Robson, Public Information Officer, and Alisha Evans, Public Affairs Assistant.

News, Views, and Announcements & CFAC Sharing

- Shared information with full council regarding CFAC member requesting support this next month re: yard sale and moving.
- Phil will contact Ohio Dept. of Insurance about coming to a CFAC meeting to speak regarding insurance options and he will also contact ODJFS regarding managed care plans and choices. Anthem 1-866-896-6625, Care Source 1-800-488-0134, Molina 1-800-642-4168.
- Phil will also try to get new ODMH and ODADAS Directors to speak at upcoming CFAC meetings.
- Ingrid will share information about her workshop on Managed Care once she attends.
- Laura shared information on Community Fund Management Foundation and gave handouts to members.
- MHA Letter to the O'Reilly Factor was handed out to members with the mailing address of the television show so others can write letters to the show regarding its insensitivity and disregard for consumers and family members impacted from mental illness.
- "List offers gauge for mental health" article handed out. It offers positive outlook and traits of mentally healthy people.
- Flyer handed out to members in which over 300 volunteers will be needed to act as mock victims, mock family members and others to serve as a support for the full scale exercise that will test the community's response to multiple emergency incidents within Franklin County.
- "Out of the Shadow" flyer handed out to members requesting they attend the event on 6/23 at 1:00 p.m. at the P.E.E.R. Center at 1221 East Broad Street. Call 251-7829 for FREE registration. Space is limited.

- P.E.E.R. Center Calendar of Events handed out to members. They are in operation daily from 7 a.m. to – 11 p.m. and temporarily located at 1203 E. Broad Street—3rd floor—251-7829.
- S.B. No. 137 handed out to members regarding amending section 2903.13 of the Revised Code to increase the penalty for assault when the victim of the offense is seventy years of age or older. It was suggested this bill be revised to also increase the penalty for assault when the victim of the offense is mentally ill. Discussion also followed about possibility of placing sexual predators in Mental Hospitals or Nursing Homes and how this was unfair.
- Disability Network of Ohio—Solidarity (DNOS) handout given to members explaining the issues that their group supports. Nancy D. also handed out “Treatment Works. People Recover” neck lanyards from the recent solidarity conference.
- Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities fact sheet handed out regarding ensuring access to treatment and how treatment saves lives, families, children, jobs and money.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee –Discussed availability of using ADAMH’s portable projector and CFAC having their own laptop designated for CFAC use only. Monies are available for training events and also attending health fairs and other community events for recruitment purposes.

Volunteer Assessment Committee—Discussed new committee at the Board regarding recruitment and retention of Staff and requested another volunteer since the initial consumer that was recruited did not want to continue. Elizabeth S. was given materials and she will be working with this group now. She will be attending their next meeting on Thursday, 6/7 at 8 a.m.

Liaison Committee—No Report.

Marketing Committee—CFAC Display Board put up during meeting so members are aware of what is used during community events.

Education Committee—“Out of the Shadows” to be held at the P.E.E.R. Center at 1203 or 1221 E. Broad Street with a discussion afterwards. Consumers should look for CFAC fliers at agencies, if they are there for services, to ensure that the flyer is posted. If not, contact the Client Rights Officer of the agency. Working on a speaker for October. Also looking for newsletter material. Forward any material onto Katie or Phil Hedden.

P.E.E.R. CENTER— There have been **398** unique visitors to the Center as of 6/8/07. This represents an increase of 14 new individuals who have utilized the Center since our last report. Juliet explained the focus of the P.E.E.R. Center and how it operates.

CIT Training—Neal—Phil will be assisting with Family Panel. Training to be held the week of 6/18 at the Columbus Police Academy.

Member Tracking Committee—Script has been prepared for Elizabeth S. and TK to follow regarding telephone follow-up about membership. Diversity in under-represented groups is now being tracked with the new sign in sheet with anonymous population identifiers. It was

suggested that tracking agency representation is also very important. We should try to recruit at least 2 consumer or family members from every ADAMH provider agency and those could be included on the next sign-in sheet and people could mark them anonymously.

Cooperation Committee—OSU, Children's Hospital, and Netcare are working together and collaborating efforts on working with Youth.

Sunshine Committee—Card needs sent to Aleta as she is still battling an ear/sinus infection.

ADAMH Involvement Committee—Renee Resnik has 22.5 hours left on her contract and is developing ADAMH Staff Training to work with volunteers and CFAC orientation piece and both the training of ADAMH staff and CFAC orientation should be initiated on June 27 with the ADAMH staff training at 9am and CFAC orientation from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Laura adjourned the meeting and socialization occurred until 6:15 p.m.

Next Meeting is Monday, July 2 from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.